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Aseptic (Viral) Meningitis	Fever, severe headache and stiff neck	Varies depending on virus or cause. For enteroviral meningitis, 3-6 days	Person-to person by airborne droplets and direct contact with nose and throat discharges	Varies depending on virus or other organism	Patients generally too sick to attend school and can return when recovered	Hand washing and avoid direct contact with nasal and throat discharges
Campylobacteriosis 	Diarrhea, sometimes bloody, stomach cramps, fever, nausea, and vomiting	2-5 days	Fecal-oral or foodborne	While symptomatic	Exclude while symptomatic	Hand washing and food safety
Conjunctivitis	Redness of eye involving tearing, irritation, swelling and discharge	Bacterial – 1 to 3 days Viral – 12 hours to 3 days	Contact with discharge from conjunctivae or upper respiratory tract of infected persons. Fingers and inanimate objects can also be sources of transmission	Possibly up to 14 days but depending on cause	Exclusion recommended until examination by physician and then approved for readmission	Use precautions in handling eye discharge and hand washing
Cryptosporidiosis 	Watery diarrhea, stomach cramps, fever, nausea, slight fever, weight loss, and vomiting	7 days (range of 1-12 days)	Fecal-oral	While shedding, up to several months	Exclude until completion of effective antiparasitic therapy	Hand washing and water precautions


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Diphtheria 	Fever, sore throat, gray or yellow membrane on the throat	2-7 days	Contact with respiratory droplets	2 weeks or less	<i>Index Case:</i> Excluded until 2 cultures 24 hrs apart are negative. <i>Contacts:</i> Observe, culture, and treat	Vaccinations up-to-date for DT, Td, DTaP, or Tdap.
Erythema Infectiosum (Fifth Disease)	Facial "slapped-cheek" rash with "lacy" rash on trunk and limbs	Normally 4-14 days, but up to 20 days	Contact with infectious upper respiratory secretions	The week prior to appearance of rash	Not recommended unless child has fever	Hand washing and proper disposal of used tissues
<i>E. coli</i> infection (shiga-toxin producing) and HUS 	Bloody or non-bloody diarrhea, stomach cramps, and little or fever, nausea, slight fever, weight loss, and vomiting	3-4 days (range of 2-10 days)	Fecal-oral or foodborne	While shedding, up to 3 weeks	Exclude while symptomatic	Hand washing and food safety
Giardiasis 	Diarrhea, gas, greasy stools that tend to float, bloating, stomach cramps, fever, nausea, and constipation	7-10 days (range of 3-25 days)	Fecal-oral	While shedding, up to several months	Exclude until completion of effective antiparasitic therapy	Hand washing and water precautions
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease	Fever, malaise, sore throat and red blister spots that turn into ulcers in the mouth	3-5 days	Fecal-oral or direct contact with infectious respiratory secretions.	During illness up to several weeks	Exclude during acute illness or while child who has blisters drools from the mouth or has weeping lesions on hands	Hand washing and avoid direct contact with nasal and throat discharges



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Hepatitis A 	Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, stomach cramps, fever, dark urine, pale, clay-colored stool, loss of appetite, and jaundice	28-30 days (range of 15-50 days)	Fecal-oral	14 days before and 7 days after the onset of jaundice, or if jaundice does not occur, 7 days before and 14 days after the onset of symptoms	Exclude until after the defined infectious period	Hepatitis A vaccine and Hand washing
Hepatitis B 	Malaise, fever, anorexia, nausea, jaundice	60-90 days	Direct contact with infected persons blood or body fluids	1 – 2 months before and after the onset of symptoms	None	Hepatitis B vaccination and Universal Precautions used when there is contact with blood and other body fluids containing blood, semen, or vaginal secretions
Hepatitis C 	Nausea, vomiting, weight loss, fatigue, dark urine, jaundice,	2 weeks to 6 months	Direct contact with infected persons blood or bodily fluids	At least one week before onset of symptoms and for the rest of their lifetime	None	Universal Precautions used when there is contact with blood and other body fluids containing blood, semen, or vaginal secretions


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HIV/AIDS 	Initially viral flu-like symptoms. Many years later (up to 10 years) swollen lymph nodes, fatigue, fever, night sweats, unexplained weight loss, other co-infections, chronic diarrhea	Variable, 1 week to 10 years or longer	Transmission of HIV infected blood, semen, vaginal secretions or breast milk to an uninfected person's broken skin or mucous membranes in enough quantity to allow for the replication of the virus	Shortly after acquisition of the virus and for the rest of their life.	School children with HIV must be allowed to attend school and may only be excluded if the provision is found in IC16-41-9-3 (i.e. a disease that is transmissible through normal school contacts or poses a substantial threat to health and safety of school community).	Education beginning in elementary school Supportive faculty Universal Precautions used when there is contact with blood and other body fluids containing blood, semen, or vaginal secretions
Impetigo	Skin lesions (red bumps) usually around the nose, mouth or extremities. Bumps break open and form a honey-colored crust	1-3 days for streptococcal infection and 4-10 days for staphylococcal infection	Direct contact with secretions from lesions	In untreated cases as long as drainage from lesions occurs.	Recommended to keep child home until 24 hours after antibiotic therapy begun.	Cover draining lesions and wear disposable gloves when applying treatment to infected skin
Influenza	Fever greater than 100 degrees F, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea also can occur in children.	1-3 days	Person to person by direct contact with infected secretions or via large or small droplet aerosols	1 day prior to symptoms through 7 days from clinical onset	Exclusion of the student should be based on the condition of the child and if there is a school policy that warrants exclusion for symptoms of influenza.	Immunizations are available for most students and adults unless contraindicated Cover the mouth and nose in the nook of your elbow and discard tissues immediately



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Measles 	Fever, runny nose, cough, rash by 3 rd day	10-14 days (Varies 7-18 days)	Contact with respiratory droplets	4 days before rash onset to 4 days after rash onset	Index Case: Excluded until 4 days after rash onset Contacts: Contacts who are not immunized excluded until 14 days after last case.	Vaccine Available 2 doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR)
Meningococcal Disease 	Fever, severe headache and stiff neck	2-10 days: commonly 3-4 days	Direct contact with saliva or respiratory droplets	Until meningococcus is no longer present in nasal/mouth discharge	None	Vaccine Available 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine at 11-12 years of age
Mononucleosis	Fever, exudative pharyngitis, swollen glands	4-6 weeks	Direct contact with saliva of infected person	Indeterminate, could be many months after infection	None	Good personal hygiene and avoiding saliva sharing activities
MRSA	Abcesses, boils	Variable	Direct contact with infected person or inanimate object	Wound drainage very infectious	Yes, if recommended by HCP or if drainage cannot be covered or contained with a dry covering	Hand washing, open areas covered, avoid contact with others' drainage




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Mumps 	Swelling and pain of the parotid gland, fever, mild URI symptoms	12-25 days Average of 18 days	Direct contact with saliva or respiratory droplets	2 days before through 9 days after the onset of parotitis	<i>Index case:</i> Exclude for 9 days following the onset of symptoms <i>Contacts:</i> Susceptible contacts shall be excluded from the 12 th – the 25 th day from exposure.	Vaccine Available 2 doses of mumps containing vaccine, (MMR)
<i>Norovirus</i> infection	Watery diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue	24-48 hours (range of 12-72 hours)	Fecal-oral	While shedding, up to 72 hours after symptoms cease	Exclude while symptomatic	Hand washing
Pediculosis (Lice)	Main symptom is itching of scalp. Lice (or eggs) can be identified by close examination of scalp.	Eggs hatch in a week with resultant lice able to multiply within 8-10 days	Direct contact with person who has live infestation or sharing personal belongings that are harboring lice (i.e. hats, scarves)	As long as live lice are present or eggs in hair are within ¼ inch of scalp	No applicable state laws for exclusion. Follow school policy	Inform parents of infestations and proper control measures for home elimination.


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Pertussis 	Initial cough, coryza, eye irritation, leading to a progressive cough that comes in bursts, may be followed by a 'whoop'	Usually 10 days, may vary from 6-20 days	Direct contact with infectious respiratory secretions.	From onset of cough and cold-like illness through 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy. If not on antibiotics, 21 days from the onset of the cough/cold-like illness.	Symptomatic Index case: Exclude for 5 days while receiving appropriate antibiotic therapy. Symptomatic Contacts of a Confirmed Case: Exclude for 5 days while receiving antibiotic therapy. Asymptomatic Direct Contacts: Do not exclude asymptomatic contacts. They should receive prophylaxis.	Vaccine Available Age appropriate vaccination: DTaP, Tdap Antibiotic prophylaxis for direct contacts
Pneumococcal Disease 	Fever, chills, cough, pain in the chest, disorientation	Normally 1-3 days	Direct contact with the nose and throat secretions of an infected person	Until after 24 hours of antibiotic therapy	None Applicable	Vaccine Available Age appropriate Vaccination Proper hand washing and tissue disposal
Ringworm	Small red bump or papule that spreads outward, taking on the appearance of a red scaly outer ring with a clear center	Depends on type: <i>Tinea capitis</i> -10 to 14 days <i>Tinea corporis</i> and <i>cruris</i> - 4-10 days <i>Tinea pedis</i> - unknown	Direct contact with human or animal source; also less commonly by inanimate objects	As long as lesions are present or viable fungus is present on contaminated objects and surfaces	Generally students can attend school with ringworm infections.	Varies depending on type; certain activities should be restricted. Clean and drain shower areas frequently.



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Rubella (German Measles) 	Mild rash illness, significant risk to the fetus	14-17 days	Direct or droplet contact with nose and throat secretions if an infected person	7 days from the appearance of the rash through 4 days afterward	<i>Index Case:</i> Excluded for 7 days after the onset of the rash <i>Susceptible Contacts:</i> Students without proof of immunity shall be excluded until 23 days after last reported case	Vaccine Available 2 doses of a rubella containing vaccine (MMR)
Salmonellosis 	Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps, and fever	12-36 hours (range of 6- 72 hours)	Fecal-oral and foodborne	While symptomatic	Exclude while symptomatic	Hand washing and food safety
Scabies	Itching and blister-like sores in the burrows of the skin	2 – 6 weeks	Direct contact with an infested persons skin, clothing or linens	From infection until eggs/mites are destroyed by treatment	Exclude until the day after treatment	Inform parents of infestations and proper control measures for home elimination. Prophylactic treatment of home contacts
Shigellosis 	Diarrhea, blood, pus, or mucus in the stool, sudden stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, and fever	24-72 hours (range of 12 hours to 5 days)	Fecal-oral	While shedding, up to several weeks	Exclude until: 1) 2 negative stools, collected 24 hours apart and at least 48 hours after antimicrobial therapy 2) Or after 48 hours of effective antimicrobial therapy	Hand washing

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Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Rash that develops lesions appearing along nerve pathways	Not applicable	Transmission can occur through direct contact with the rash resulting in a case of varicella.	If lesions are not covered, transmission of varicella disease may occur from 10-21 days following the contact	<i>Index Case:</i> Exclude only if the site of infection cannot be covered <i>Susceptible Contacts:</i> Do not Exclude	2 doses of age appropriate varicella vaccine One dose of the Zostavax vaccine for adults 60 and over
Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Sore Throat	Fever, exudative tonsillitis or pharyngitis and tender cervical nodes; in addition, a fine-red rash occurs with scarlet fever	Usually 1-3 days, rarely longer	Large respiratory droplets or direct contact with patient or carrier	Appropriate antibiotic treatment eliminates organism within 24 hours; untreated cases- as long as they are ill usually 10-21 days	Exclude until 24 hours after initiation of antibiotic therapy.	Encourage good personal hygiene.
Tick Borne Infections 	Varies by specific disease, but generally includes fever, rash, muscle aches, fatigue	Lyme – 3-31 days, usually 7-10 days Rocky Mtn. Spotted Fever – 3-14 days Ehrlichiosis – varies but generally 7-14 days	Transmitted from ticks to humans	Not applicable	None	Appropriate removal of tick.

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Tuberculosis 	Cough that lasts longer than 3 weeks, hemoptysis, night sweats, fever, pain in chest, weight loss, fatigue, chills, etc.	8 – 10 weeks for positive TST or IGRA. It can take decades for active disease to develop	Airborne	3 months prior to onset of symptoms until no longer infectious	Yes until no longer infectious (usually at least 2 weeks after the initiation of antibiotic therapy that produces a significant reduction in symptoms)	Avoid close contact with an infectious person. Treatment with Isoniazid for LTBI.
Varicella 	Fever, fatigue, followed by rash illness that progresses into itchy, fluid-filled blisters	10-21 days	Contact with infectious respiratory secretions	2-5 days prior to the onset of the rash through the stage when the lesions have crusted over, (usually 7 days)	<i>Index Case:</i> Exclude until the vesicles become dry. <i>Susceptible Contacts:</i> Do not exclude	Vaccine Available 2 doses of age appropriate varicella vaccine The vaccine is effective in preventing disease within 5 days of exposure; a varicella-zoster immunoglobulin may be given within 3 days of exposure to lessen the severity of disease in those who can not safely receive the vaccine